

As these historical photos show, since the 1950s physical fitness has been an integral part of Bloomington life. For current opportunities, see page 3.

City,” a designation that recognizes Minnesota cities committed to creating and maintaining an environment that supports active living. Providing opportunities for many types of physical activity allows Bloomington residents to be physically active, which improves nearly every aspect of a person’s health. In addition, Parks and Recreation provides the best in amenities through a variety of facilities, programs and events.

BLOOMINGTON TOP 10 #2 FOR FITNESS IN THE U.S.

Our metro area is the second fittest in the U.S., according to a 2009 study by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). We are also ranked second in a separate survey conducted by *Men’s Fitness* magazine. The American Fitness Index uses data on 30 indicators of preventative health, chronic disease and access to health care to rank 45 U.S. metropolitan areas. The Twin Cities metro ranked behind Washington, D.C. and just ahead of Denver, Boston and San Francisco in the ACSM study and just behind Colorado Springs in the *Men’s Fitness* survey. Our area earns high marks for a low percent of people who smoke and the relatively large number of active recreational facilities per capita.

Bloomington has been named as a “Governor’s Fit

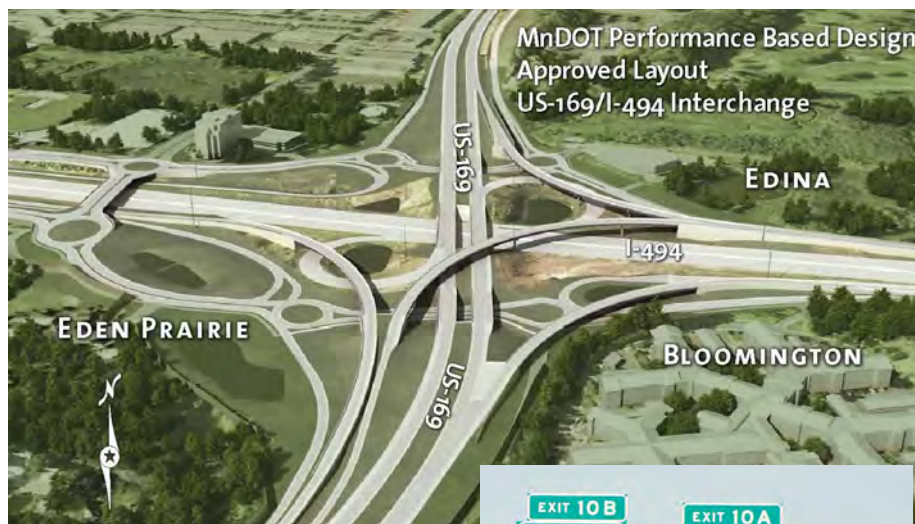


RESTORING TRAFFIC FLOW FUNDING SECURED FOR US-169/I-494 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The US-169/I-494 interchange is one of the most significant traffic bottlenecks in the southwest metropolitan area. After many decades of unsuccessful attempts, funding has finally been secured to complete the conversion of US-169 to a full freeway. Construction to remove the remaining traffic signals on US-169 at I-494 is scheduled to begin next spring.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) announced in May that \$172 million has been secured to buy land, move utilities and rebuild the existing interchange. The US-169 corridor accommodates more than 175,000 motorists daily through Edina, Eden Prairie and Bloomington. Converting US-169 at I-494 to a freeway will improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve safety in the area.

While the improvement of this interchange is of great regional significance, the project has been in and out of MnDOT’s construction program



many times due to its high cost. To reduce the project’s cost, the City of Bloomington has been working with MnDOT and the cities of Eden Prairie and Edina to redesign the project to lower the cost from \$205 million to \$172 million. The approximate \$30-40 million savings would be realized by delaying the construction of two, lower traffic volume, flyover bridges – eastbound I-494 to northbound US-169 and southbound US-169 to westbound I-494.

The lower-cost, performance-based approach would allow the additional ramps to be added in the future if needed.

A great boost in funding occurred when the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approved the use of \$34 million of regional funding for this project. TAB is a 34-member group of elected and governor-appointed officials acting to designate funding of regionally beneficial projects.

The remaining funding is a combination of federal, state and local transportation funds.



Utility relocation work could begin this fall, with the major work beginning in spring 2011. The interchange will be open to traffic while being built, similar to the I-35W/Crosstown project. The project is tentatively scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of fall 2013.

For more information, contact Bloomington Deputy Director of Public Works Jim Gates at 952-563-8730, e-mail jgates@ci.bloomington.mn.us or visit the MnDOT website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/169/.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: US-169.

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GLOBAL CELEBRATION AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Explore different world cultures, Saturday, June 19, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This free event coincides with the Farmers Market and is sponsored by Bloomington Human Services, Human Rights Commission and Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 952-563-8733 or 952-563-8740 TTY.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: GLOBAL CELEBRATION.



PARTY OF THE YEAR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The 27th Annual National Night Out takes place Tuesday, August 3, in neighborhoods throughout Bloomington. National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

For more information or to register your block, call Niki Pierson, Proactive Police Services Unit, at 952-563-8808.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: NNO.

2010 PRIMARY ELECTION

The 2010 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 10, as a result of new legislation passed by the Minnesota Legislature.

For more information, call the Bloomington City Clerk’s Office at 952-563-8729.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: VOTING.

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The City of Bloomington complies with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For more information, contact the Human Services Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027; 952-563-8733 (Voice); 952-563-8740 (TTY).

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or electronic format.

New Water Conservation Rate Structure
Water and Sanitary Sewer Billing to Change

To comply with a 2008 Minnesota State Statute change requiring that all metropolitan public water suppliers adopt a water conservation rate structure, the City of Bloomington is changing its residential water and sewer services billing.

Although the recent changes to the state law only impact municipal water rate structures, the City operates its water and wastewater systems using the same staff, equipment and warehouse facilities for both water systems. As such, the City is addressing the impacts of this required change on both water and sanitary sewer rate structures.

On August 1, 2010, a partial rate change will include a two-tier water rate structure, elimination of the basic charge and a sanitary sewer rate

increase for the City’s commercial accounts that are currently billed based on water flow. With the exception of homeowners using significantly more water than average, these changes will decrease the annual amount paid by single-family homes.

Additional sanitary sewer structural changes will take place January 1, 2011. All multifamily dwellings (townhomes, apartments, mobile homes, etc.) currently being billed on a flat-rate unit basis will be converted to flow-based monthly billing. All single-family homes will move to flow-based bimonthly billing. Each bill will be based on a single-family home’s average winter water usage. This method recognizes that extra water used during summer months for irrigation does not enter the sanitary sewer. Overall,



the amount paid by single-family homes for sanitary sewer will decrease slightly. These structural changes, designed to fairly allocate costs for water and sanitary sewer usage, are independent of future rate increases that may be approved by the City Council.

For more information, contact Assistant Utilities Superintendent Glen Gerads at 952-563-8775.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: UTILITY BILLING.

ON PATROL
Texting While Driving:
Dangerous and Illegal



Since 2008, it has been illegal for a driver to compose, read or send a text message or access the Internet on a wireless device when a vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in 2008 driver distraction was the number one contributing factor to multiple-vehicle crashes in Minnesota. The law applies to drivers of all ages. As a primary violation, texting while driving can cost a driver up to \$300 in fines and drivers can be stopped for the offense. Since it is a moving violation, the incident could go on a driver’s record.

The best plan for drivers is to put the phones down, focus on the road and get to their destinations safely. For more information, contact the Bloomington Police Traffic Investigation Unit at 952-563-8602.

BOOK ’EM
Annual Used Book Sale

The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will hold its 18th annual used book sale, June 5 - 19, at 9801 Lyndale Avenue. Proceeds from the sale help fund crime prevention and awareness programs in Bloomington.

For more information, visit www.bcpamn.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Caring for Our Homes

Seminars on Easy Home Repairs and Wood Floor Refinishing

The Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority’s next home improvement seminar series will take place on **Thursdays, June 24, July 23 and August 26, 7 p.m.**, in the Civic Plaza Rehearsal Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

Simple plumbing repairs	June 24
Simple electrical repairs	July 22
Hardwood floor refinishing	August 26

Seminars are open to the public. Drawings for door prizes will follow each seminar. For information, contact Program Specialist Tom Holman at 952-563-8941.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HRA SEMINARS.



Good Food, Good Company
Dining at Creekside

Enjoy delicious and nutritious meals with your friends and neighbors at Creekside Community Center, 9201 Penn Avenue South. Sit-down meals are served **Monday - Friday, 11:45 a.m.** Call ahead for the monthly menu.

Don’t miss the upcoming “Party of the Month” and “Memorable Monday” events. These themed lunches begin at 11:30 a.m.

June 14	The Game of Bridge
June 28	Fish Tales and Boating Stories
July 8	Red, White and Blue
July 19	Minnesota Twins Day

Meals are \$6 for guests under 60 years old; \$3 suggested donation for guests over 60 years old.

For more information, call Creekside at 952-563-4948 or 952-563-4957 TTY.

Runners Sought

Visit Japan for the Senshu International Marathon

Bloomington Sister City Organization (BSCO) is seeking two representatives to compete in the February 2011 Senshu International Marathon, hosted by Bloomington’s sister city, Izumi City, Japan. The application deadline is **July 30, 2010.**

Host families needed

Host families are being sought for Japanese students who will be visiting Bloomington August 9 - 20.

For more information, call BSCO at 952-563-8713 or visit www.bloomington-izumi.org.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
DESTINATION: TARGET FIELD

It's so easy to get from Bloomington to Target Field, it's as if the Twins were still playing ball at the old Metropolitan Stadium. Leave your vehicle in one of the 1,500 parking spaces available in the Park and Ride at the 28th Avenue Station and hop on the train – the Hiawatha Line takes you directly to Target Field.

For more information, visit www.destinationtargetfield.com.



HEALTHY LIVING



Bloomington Public Health is working with the school district to increase students' physical activity. As part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), Oak Grove Elementary, Oak Grove Middle, Westwood Elementary and Ridgeview Elementary schools are establishing school wellness councils to encourage health and wellness in and out of the classroom.

According to Kate Maher, SHIP liaison for Bloomington Public Schools, Oak Grove Elementary is integrating physical activities into the classroom with its "Energizers" program. Westwood Elementary is implementing "Peaceful Playgrounds," a program in which children learn about the different activities available on playgrounds and field areas.

SHIP is part of Minnesota's health reform law that funds projects to achieve long-lasting environmental and policy changes supporting a healthy lifestyle.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: SHIP.

RELAY FOR LIFE
WORTH STAYING UP FOR

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held **Friday, August 6 - Saturday, August 7, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.**, at Bloomington Stadium, 90th Street and Penn Avenue. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/bloomingtonmn.

FOR THE SPORTS FANS

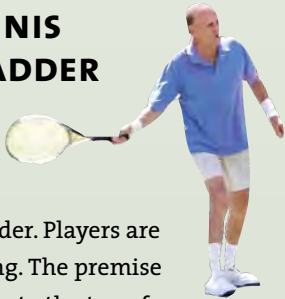
IN AN ATHLETIC LEAGUE?
REAL-TIME ONLINE INFORMATION

It's easy to get league and team schedules and standings. Just visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: [Online Program Services](#), or sign up for athletic notes to be sent directly to your e-mail through [E-Subscribe](#), the City's online e-mail subscription service. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880.

MEN'S TENNIS SINGLES LADDER

Register to participate in Bloomington Men's Tennis Ladder. Players are assigned a ranking. The premise is to win your way to the top of the ladder. The league format is flexible and allows players to schedule matches against opponents when both players are available.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: TENNIS.



OUT OF THIS WORLD
GALAXY AND PLAYGROUNDS AT THE VIEW

Summer Adventure Playgrounds and Galaxy Youth Center are coming together at Valley View Middle School to provide a summer program for youth ages 6 - 14. Participants will spend mornings engaging in a variety of activities, including sports, cooking and art, and afternoons at Bloomington Family Aquatic Center.

Dates: Monday - Friday, June 21 - August 20.
(No program July 5 - 9.)

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages: 6 - 14.

Fee: \$100.

All participants are asked to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, swimsuit and towel.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation or e-mail parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SUMMER PROGRAMS.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS

Galaxy is an opportunity for youth ages 11 - 14 to be paired with Galaxy staff and empowered to serve others in the community through service projects and activities such as sports, cooking, art and more.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SUMMER ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS



FOR AGES 6 - 12

Join your friends for games, sports, story time, arts and crafts, and special events.

When: M, Tu,Th, June 21 - August 19

Times: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$60. Field trips extra, *see below*. Friday trips to Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, \$5.

Parks: Brye, Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Running, Smith, Sunrise and Westwood.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: PLAYGROUNDS.



SUMMER ADVENTURE FIELD TRIPS

Adventures abound this summer! Sign up the kids for fun, supervised weekday excursions with friends. Join us for field trips each Wednesday and for Friday visits to the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center. This year's Summer Adventure Field Trips take place on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays, June 23 - August 20**. (Sorry, no activities July 7 - 9.)

Some of the Wednesday field trips destinations include Target Field for a Twins game, Cascade Bay, the Minnesota Zoo and Triple Play Sports. Cost is \$16 per trip.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FIELD TRIPS.

SWIMMING LESSONS

American Red Cross swimming lessons are offered at Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, 301 East 90th Street, and Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road.

When:	Session I	M - Th, July 5 - 15.
	Session II	M - Th, July 19 - 29.
Times:	9:30 - 10 a.m.	Aquatic Center.
	10:10 - 10:50 a.m.	Aquatic Center.
	6:10 - 6:50 p.m.	Bush Lake Beach.
	7 - 7:40 p.m.	Bush Lake Beach.
Cost:	\$54	Level 1 - 4.
	\$44	Preschool or parent/child.
Register:	Call Parks and Recreation or register online at webtrac.ci.bloomington.mn.us .	



BATTING CAGES AND MINIATURE GOLF

Clutch Hitters and The Links at Dred Scott Playfield, 10820 Bloomington Ferry Road, are open for the season.

Clutch Hitters is an automated outdoor batting cage where players can pitch any speed, from slow pitch softball to hard-throwing baseball. For more information, visit www.clutchhitters.com.

The Links at Dred Scott Playfield is a fun and challenging 18-hole miniature golf course.

For more information, visit www.linksminigolf.com.



Evening Performance Series
At Normandale Lake Park

Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the summer enjoy free musical performances by a wide variety of talented musicians. Parking is available in the 84th Street and Chalet Road lots.

Blockbusters!
Five Must-See Events



Thursday nights will be rocking at the Bandshell. Soak up the late evening sun while you enjoy free music. Tasty treats and thirst-quenching refreshments will be available for purchase.

A Celtic Solstice on June 17, 6:30 - 9 p.m., highlights Scottish music by Ross and MacKenzie. Irish music and dance will also be featured by 40 Shades of Green with Rince na Chroi Dancers.

80s Music Explosion, sponsored by Majors Sports Cafe, ignites the night on July 15, 6:30 - 9:45 p.m., with Rock It Science and Ladies of the 80s. Chill with your friends to the greatest rock and pop hits of the era.

Latin Music Night will spice up the night, July 22, 6:30 - 9:45 p.m., as Xibaba and Salsa del Soul play some of the best Twin Cities Brazilian and Salsa music.

Blues & BBQ on July 29, 6:30 - 9:45 p.m., features Brandon Scott Sellner and Big Walter Smith and the Groove Merchants. BBQ by Famous Dave's will be available starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomington Rocks, also sponsored by Majors Sports Cafe, will knock your socks off on August 5, 6:30 - 9:45 p.m., with great rock tunes and ballads by 8 Foot 4.



Movies in the Park
Friday Nights for Families

Bring the whole family to see *Astro Boy*, July 9, 9 p.m., and *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, August 6, 9 p.m., at the Normandale Lake Bandshell.

Sponsored by M&I Bank.



Bloomington parks will come alive with music, dance and laughter this summer. Grab a blanket and join the festivities. For more information or in case of inclement weather, call the Parks and Recreation 24-hour information line at 952-563-8878.

Website keywords: Arts in Parks.

Go to our website, [click on E-Subscribe](#) and sign up for Arts in the Parks e-mail updates!

Locations			
Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.		Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 10501 Third Avenue South.	
Moir Park, 2298 W 104th Street.		Smith Park, 8155 Park Avenue South.	
Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road.		Sunrise Park, 9401 Blm Ferry Road.	

JUNE			
M 14	10:30 a.m.	Minnesota Zoomobile	Moir
Tu 15	7 p.m.	Minnesota Symphonic Winds	Bandshell
Th 17	6:30 - 9 p.m.	A Celtic Solstice Ross and MacKenzie 40 Shades of Green with Rince na Chroi Dancers	Bandshell
M 21	10:30 a.m.	Wiggle, Jiggle, Jam	Smith
Tu 22	7 p.m.	South of the River Community Band	Bandshell
Th 24	7 p.m.	Minnesota Jazz Orchestra	Bandshell
Su 27	12 p.m.	Sandcastles	Bush Lake
Su 27	7 p.m.	John Philip Sousa Band	Pond-Dakota
M 28	10:30 a.m.	Jack Pearson, Mr. Song-Strummin' Storyman	Sunrise
Tu 29	7 p.m.	Bloomington Chorale	Bandshell
JULY			
Sa 3	2 p.m. - dusk	Summer Fete Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam The R Factor Kid Power with Rachael Kroog The Splatter Sisters Bloomington Symphony Orchestra Fireworks	Bandshell Kids' stage Main stage Kids' stage Kids' stage Main stage
Tu 6	7 p.m.	The Frets	Bandshell
Th 8	7 p.m.	Monroe Crossing	Bandshell
F 9	7:30 p.m.	<i>Sponsored by M&I Bank</i> Movies in the Park Tricia and the Toonies Astro Boy	Bandshell
M 12	10:30 a.m.	Kid Power with Rachael Kroog	Moir
Tu 13	7 p.m.	Bloomington Medalist Band	Bandshell
Th 15	6:30 - 9:45 p.m.	<i>Sponsored by Majors Sports Cafe</i> 80s Music Explosion Rock It Science Ladies of the 80s	Bandshell
M 19	10:30 a.m.	Mike Monson	Civic Plaza
Tu 20	7 p.m.	Galactic Cowboy Orchestra	Bandshell
Th 22	6:30 - 9:45 p.m.	Latin Music Night Xibaba Salsa del Soul	Bandshell
M 26	10:30 a.m.	Brian Richards' Magic Show	Smith
Tu 27	7 p.m.	Bavarian Musikmeisters	Bandshell
Th 29	6:30 - 9:45 p.m.	Blues and BBQ Brandon Scott Sellner Big Walter Smith and the Groove Merchants	Bandshell
AUGUST			
M 2	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Warner	Moir
Tu 3	7 p.m.	Medicine Show Music Company	Bandshell
Th 5	6:30 - 9:45 p.m.	<i>Sponsored by Majors Sports Cafe</i> Bloomington Rocks 8 Foot 4	Bandshell
F 6	7:30 p.m.	<i>Sponsored by M&I Bank</i> Movies in the Park Splatter Sisters Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Bandshell
Su 8	12 - 5 p.m.	Bloomington Jazz Festival South Side Aces Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs JazzMN	Bandshell

Sandcastles
Family Afternoon of Fun!

Enjoy an afternoon of sandcastle building, sculpture contests, prizes and more, Sunday, June 27, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., at Bush Lake Beach.



Summer Fete
Celebrate Independence Day



Once again the annual celebration to honor our nation is back, Saturday, July 3, at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. The carnival begins at 2 p.m. Be sure to bring the whole family to enjoy awesome food, carnival games, entertainment and, of course, a fireworks display. The 84th Street Kids' Stage will present family entertainment by Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam, Rachael Kroog with Kid Power and The Splatter Sisters.



To make a donation or order Summer Fete T-shirts, call 952-563-8693 or visit our website.

Website keywords: Summer Fete.

Monday Morning Kids Series
Music, Magic and Animals!

Start the week off right! Visit select Bloomington parks on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., for music, a magic show, the Minnesota Zoomobile and more.



Bloomington Jazz Festival
Time to Chill

Jazz fans won't want to miss this premier jazz event. A selection of jazz tunes will be featured, Sunday, August 8, noon - 4:45 p.m., at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. The great lineup includes South Side Aces, above, Steve Clarke and the Working Stiffs, and JazzMN.